relating to the conclusion of a bilateral agreement between the Agency and Ireland with a view to the taking over by the Agency of the air traffic services in the upper airspace entrusted to the said Agency under the Convention.

THE PERMANENT COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION

Considering the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to co-operation for the safety of air navigation and, inter alia, Article 31;

Considering that under the aforesaid Convention, the Contracting Parties "shall entrust to the Agency the air traffic services in the airspace defined by the Commission";

Considering that during a transitional period between the present organisation of control services and the final organisation of these services, it is expedient to ensure the gradual transformation of such organisation, taking into account both the practical requirements and the legal imperatives of the Convention of 13th December 1960;

Considering that it is desirable that for this transitional period, the States should provide the Agency with momentary assistance in the form of personnel and equipment;

Considering that it is necessary that such collaboration between the Eurocontrol services and the national services should be sanctioned in an agreement between the Organisation and the States concerned;
GIVES THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE TO THE AGENCY:

Article 1

The Agency shall undertake negotiations with the Government of Ireland with a view to concluding a bilateral agreement relating to the assumption of responsibility, as from 1st January 1965, for the air traffic services in the upper airspace, the configuration of which has been determined by Decision No. 3 of the Commission.

Article 2

It is desirable that this agreement should sanction the collaboration between the Eurocontrol services and the national services, for a transitional period of about one year.

Article 3

It is desirable that this agreement should become effective on 1st January 1965.

Done at Brussels on this 15th day of December 1964.

The President of the Commission

Alfred BERTRAND